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SUBJECT: SOVIET INITIATIVE FOR EXCHANGE OF MILITARY VISITS WITH
DENMARK

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. AT NATO POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 8, DANISH REP INDICATED SOVIET DEFENSE ATTACHE AT COPENHAGEN HAD RECENTLY PROPOSED AN ENHANCED PROGRAM OF CONTACTS BETWEEN DANISH AND SOVIET DEFENSE PERSONNEL. SPECIFICALLY, ATTACHE HAD SUGGESTED: (A) A TWO-THREE DAY VISIT TO THE USSR BY THE HEAD OF THE DANISH ARMY OFFICERS' SCHOOL AND SOME TEACHERS AND CADETS; (B) TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION BY THE CHIEFS OF THE DANISH ARMY AND AIR FORCE AND POSSIBLE THE DEFENSE MINISTER; (C) EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY MILITARY HISTORIANS; (D) TRIP TO RIGA AND TALLINN BY A DANISH MILITARY BAND.

2. DANISH REP RECALLED A 1972 SOVIET INITIATIVE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY SOVIET AND DANISH ADMIRALS AND NAVAL SCHOOL-SHIPS. HE ALSO REMARKED THAT IN THE PRESENT INSTANCE
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THE SOVIETS SEEMED TO HAVE READ WITH CARE THE SPANISH CSCE
CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURE PROPOSAL.

3. DANISH REP SAID THAT BEFORE RESPONDING TO THE SOVIET
INITIATIVE HIS GOVERNMENT WISHED TO KNOW IF OTHER ALLIES HAD

BEEN APPROACHED BY THE USSR ALONG SIMILAR LINES.

4. POLADS CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AT
NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 15, AT WHICH TIME WE WOULD APPRECIATE
KNOWING OF ANY RECENT SOVIET INITIATIVE FOR EXCHANGES OF VISITS
BY MILITARY PERSONNEL.
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